



**From Our Nation's Capitol...**  
**THE LUNGREN LETTER**

Dear Friend,

It has been an exciting summer in the United States Congress. We have tackled issues of importance ranging from cord blood stem cell research to oversight of the USA PATRIOT Act. I have had the opportunity to meet with Third District residents visiting our nation's Capitol and across the district. It is a great honor to serve you and hope this latest edition of the "Lungren Letter" provides you with a window into the accomplishments of the House of Representatives.

This newsletter is just a sampling of my efforts in the Congress. Please visit my website <http://www.house.gov/lungren/> with your questions and concerns on issues facing the United States Congress.

**Securing our Nation**

It has been a very busy and mentally stimulating time to serve as a member of the House Judiciary Committee. I recently introduced my third bill since having returned to Congress, H.R. 3035, the Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005; it will end frivolous appeals by convicted criminals. While it is certainly important to protect the rights of the accused, victims of crime and their families ought to have greater finality in the criminal justice system once it is determined that the accused did, in fact, commit the crime. The Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a legislative hearing on my bill in late June.

Additionally, we have conducted a number of important hearings at both the full committee



**Upcoming Town Hall Meetings**

**Tuesday August 16th, 2005**  
**from 7:00-9:00 PM**

La Sierra Community Center  
John Smith Hall  
5325 Engle Road  
Carmichael, CA 95608

**Wednesday August 17, 2005**  
**from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

Rio Vista City Hall  
Council Chambers  
One Main Street  
Rio Vista, CA 94571

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**Military Academy Workshop**  
**Representatives from Military Academies**  
**Attending**

**Thursday, September 22, 2005**  
**From 5:00 PM--7:00 PM**

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)  
8990 Kruithof Way  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

**Veterans Affairs and Social Security Benefit**  
**Workshop Representatives from VA and SSA**  
**Attending**

**Saturday, September 24, 2005**  
**from 10:00 AM--1:00 PM**

American Legion Hall  
11350 American Legion Drive  
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

**In Our District...**

As busy as Washington, D.C. is, it is always a



and subcommittee levels. A few examples of topics covered include "Protecting Our Nation's Children from Sexual Predators and Violent Criminals:

What Needs to be Done", "The Diversity Visa Program", and "the Alien Gang Removal Act." Among other subject matters, the Judiciary Committee has passed a children's protection bill and will consider the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in the months to come. I am honored to have the opportunity to take part in these crucial efforts.

### **The Future of the Patriot Act**

The Congress has taken an active role in USA PATRIOT Act oversight. In the last few months, the Judiciary Committee conducted 12 hearings on the reauthorization of 16 provisions of the act set to expire at the end of the year. During this time, I have worked diligently with colleagues to craft legislation which will protect both the civil liberties and safety of Americans. The House passed bill contains my amendment to place new sunsets on two of the most controversial provisions in the Act relating to business records and so-called roving wiretaps. This amendment states that these provisions will end in 2015 unless reauthorized by the Congress and President.

### **News from the Department of Homeland Security**

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary, Michael Chertoff, completed his "Top-to-Bottom" review of the department and testified before the full Homeland Security committee in early July. In his review, Chertoff reiterated that while it is the goal of DHS to maximize security, it must not be security "at any price." While targeting public resources at those threats that pose the greatest risk, Americans' freedom and individual privacy must be maintained in the process.

pleasure to get back to the district and meet with constituents. I have had the honor of hosting two town hall meetings since the last Lungren Letter; one in Citrus Heights and one in Galt. Both were well attended and the dialogue at each was very informative and important to the job I do on behalf of the district.



**Citrus Heights Town Hall**



**Galt Town Hall**

In addition to town halls, it has been a privilege meeting with groups and individuals from the district. It was a special honor to meet with the Board of Supervisors in Amador County to discuss their pertinent issues. After our meeting, my wife Bobbi and I enjoyed a spectacular drive home through the beautiful mountain county and through the foothill counties of Calaveras and Amador.

In Calaveras County, we held a productive and informative meeting with the Human Resources Council to discuss the programs they are providing to the people of the county. Not only do they operate the Head Start and WIC Programs, but they provide shelters and assistance to abused women and children, operate the food bank in the county, provide job assistance and education to residents in need, and help residents meet their child care needs. This organization does a lot of solid work for the people of Calaveras County and it was a pleasure to meet with their organization to discuss their needs at the Federal level.

### **Meeting with California's District Attorney's Association**

Recently, representatives of the California District Attorney's Association visited to discuss the importance of DNA in solving criminal cases. As a former Attorney General, it has been truly impressive to watch the technological advances that have occurred in DNA matching dramatically



**Congressman Lungren with his granddaughter Reagan in his Capitol Hill office**

TSA has since changed its standard operating procedures to allow supervisors at airport checkpoints the authority to waive secondary screenings on children that are clearly under the age of twelve. This is a step in the right direction and efficient risk-assessment on the part of the department.

As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, I have continued to hold hearings that are aimed at facilitating easy travel for frequent and trusted airline passengers. Programs such as Registered Traveler, which individuals may enroll in on a voluntary basis by providing basic information, are intended to make air travel more efficient and less intrusive for those travelers that are pre-screened as "low-risk." On my frequent trips between Sacramento and Washington, DC, I have experienced the frustration of long lines, inconsistent screening procedures and at times impolite airline screeners. It is incumbent on TSA to continue to provide effective aviation security while at the same time working to reduce the instances of

You may have read stories regarding my two year-old granddaughter Reagan being selected for secondary screening on a trip with her parents late last year. It makes no sense to dedicate Transportation Security Administration (TSA) resources on a child in diapers rather than targeting a high-risk traveler.



increase. Law enforcement officials are now able to convict more criminals with the aid of DNA. DNA evidence is now being used as a positive identification to issue warrants for arrest. It is truly amazing what DNA evidence is doing for California and the nation.

### **Folsom Rodeo**

Finally, it was a treat to attend the Folsom Rodeo over the 4th of July weekend. The Folsom Chamber of Commerce and the City of Folsom do an amazing job every year of hosting all of the festivities.



**Sandy Kozlen and Charles Andrews with Congressman Dan Lungren**

### **Speaking to the Kiwanis Club**

I had a wonderful time as a guest speaker with the Carmichael Kiwanis Club. The club has a very strong membership and it was nice to be able to converse with so many constituents at this engagement. It was similar to 3rd District town hall meetings in that it provided an opportunity for a question and answer session for the membership. It was impressive to hear about the many great projects the Carmichael Kiwanis Club is working on to support their local community like the Band Shell in Carmichael Park. Service organizations are important to communities because of the ownership they take in providing and caring for the community. It



intrusive and time-consuming searches.



### **Good News Regarding the Federal Budget Deficit**

Being a member of the House Budget Committee allows me to be involved directly with the Congressional Budget Process. This year has proven to be a challenge. However, our efforts are beginning to show results. On Thursday, July 14, the White House Office of Management and Budget released the Administration's Mid-Session Review which contains revised estimates of the budget deficit, receipts, outlays, and budget authority for fiscal years 2005-10. The Mid-Session Review shows the deficit is falling at a rapid rate.

Some of the good news in the Review is that there has been a 36% reduction (\$188 billion reduction) from the projected FY04 deficit since last year. GDP (Gross Domestic Product) has increased for 14 consecutive quarters with the strongest growth in five years and one of the strongest sustained performances of the past 2 decades.

Additionally, total employment is at a record high with more than 141 million working Americans. This means that 95% of all Americans who want a job are employed. The accelerated tax relief seems to have accomplished its goal. Even with the tax rate cuts, our strong economy is boosting tax revenues – driving federal tax receipts up nearly 15% over the same period last year. Along with getting the budget out of Committee in a timely fashion, the Budget Committee gave reconciliation instructions to the authorizing

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### **Special Events in the District...**

The Congressional Art Competition held in May was a huge success. My Office received dozens of entries which demonstrated the plethora of artistic talent located in our Third Congressional District. The event was so inspiring that we decided to create an additional art competition for younger students. This competition is designed to help young students continue in their development of the arts and at the same time help me decorate my District Office with their beautiful artwork.



### **Community Workshops...**

Please join my staff and representatives from the United States Air Force Academy, United States Naval Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy, United States Military Academy and the United States Coast Guard Academy information session on:

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committees of the House, directing them to decrease spending by reporting legislation which changes existing laws. This will be the first time there has been a reconciliation bill since 1997. The reconciliation process is already proving to be a useful tool in keeping the nation's economy on a positive course.

For the first time in many years, the House has passed all appropriations bills on time and within the tight limits set by this year's budget resolution. The budget is doing its part, the House appropriators are doing their part, and a significant drop in the deficit has occurred.

### **Securing our Economic Future**

The lower deficit projections from OMB are a clear sign that the pro-growth economic policies put in place by the President and Congress are working. An expanding economy, higher productivity, and millions of new jobs are increasing revenues and reducing the deficit at a rapid pace. We must use the opportunity to stay on the right track. Now is the time to keep the tax burden low, rein in non-security discretionary spending, and focus on ways to curb out of control entitlement spending.

The Congressional Committees are striving to meet their \$35 billion reconciliation goals. It is imperative that Congress find ways to reform and strengthen Social Security and Medicare, so that we can put our financial house in order for future generations.

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We very much look forward to our future meetings and town halls and I hope to see you there.

We are ready to assist you with your questions and concerns. Please contact the Gold River office at (916) 859-9906 or by clicking on the [Feedback Form](#) located on the front page of my Congressional website.

I encourage you to visit my website at [www.house.gov/lungren](http://www.house.gov/lungren). The website serves as an excellent resource for updates on what is happening in the Congress as well as news impacting the Third Congressional District.

It is an honor to represent the Third Congressional District of California.

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